

Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

November 2016



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 6	4-H Recognition Event
November 11	Office Closed—Veteran's Day
November 14	YOUth Town Hall Meeting @ 5:30 PM—Courthouse
November 15	Sara at Cloverbud Connections @ 3-4 PM
November 17	Sara at Cloverbud Connections @ 3-4:30 PM
November 18	Sara Gone at Noon—Program Evaluation @ SDSU
November 24-25	Office Closed—Thanksgiving
November 29	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM—Courthouse

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Advisor Comments...

Humor is defined as the quality of being amusing or comic. You can find humor in the Sunday comics, a movie, a book, or a friend's joke. However, most importantly we must be able to laugh at ourselves. This phrase was stressed by Jeanne Robertson at the National Association of

Extension 4-H Agents conference.

She posed the question, "why talk about the bad?" Talk about the funny things. We need to accept the things around us and the things we can't change. Having a sense of humor is an attitude; this attitude can be developed and

improved. Don't forget to keep your sense of humor.

After returning from the conference, I have been busy combing through the resources I received. This allows me to look at implementing programs and heighten my professional development.

Enroll for the 2016-2017 4-H Year

We will be using 4HOnline.com again this year. All returning members must register through 4HOnline.com using your e-mail address. Please do not create a new account if you are enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code of conduct, medial waivers will be electronically signed in 4HOnline.com.

All Shooting Sports participants starting in January enroll through 4-H Online. Past Shooting participants

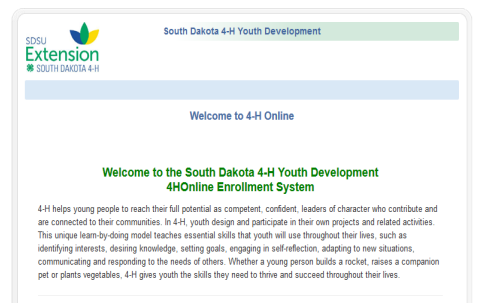
already have an account created and do the 4-H Online process prior to registration.

In regards to 4-H participation is age. Youth to participate in activities, such as Shooting Sports must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2017.

All new members will need to complete the

4HOnline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have an e-mail address in order to enroll in 4-H.

If you have any problems or questions about registration, please don't hesitate to contact the 4-H office at 605-432-9221.



Announcements...

Upcoming Leader's Meeting

The next scheduled Leader's Meeting will be November 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse.

Items of discussion: 4-H Recognition Event & Farm & Home Show.

Grant County Power Project Day

For the past couple years, 4-H clubs have been providing Power Project Day opportunities for members to learn about a project and meet other members in different clubs.

This year, we will be moving towards two county-wide Power Project Days to accommodate family schedules. They will be held in the winter months (January) and spring (March or April). More information will be available at 4-H Recognition Event.

2017 4-H Calendars

For the past several years, the South Dakota 4-H program has yearly calendars printed of top honor photos from the South Dakota State Fair.

If you would like more information about purchasing calendars, please contact Maria Feldhaus, Miner County 4-H Youth Program Advisor at maria.feldhaus@sdstate.edu.

Great American NO BULL Challenge

Youth ages 13-23 are encouraged to enter The Great American NO BULL Challenge, a global video contest that raises awareness and inspires positive change in your

school and community.

This is an opportunity to leverage your leadership skills by getting your school, favorite organization

or friends together to create a file that will inspire a movement. For more information, visit www.NOBULL.org.

4-H Leaders Training available for all

SDSU Extension and the State 4-H Office invite all 4-H Leaders, volunteers, parents of 4-H members and those interested in volunteering to attend the second of four 4-H Leader Trainings held January 17, 2017 from 7 to 9 p.m. (CST) at all eight SDSU Extension Regional Centers and in Brookings on the campus of South Dakota State University.

During this meeting, which will be the second to be held quarterly during the 2016-2017 4-H year, leaders and volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about the following:

- Volunteer opportunities: learn

about re-certification opportunities and promotional pieces that will help recruit more volunteers;

- Youth Development Training;
- Character All-Stars: During this session you will learn: how schools may participate; about the GROW YOUR SELFie, a six-lesson series and how you can bring the lessons back to your club and county;
- Networking and planning for future trainings.

The meetings will be led by SDSU Extension 4-H staff and experienced volunteers both remotely and in-person.

Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Field Specialist explains that the trainings will focus on a variety of training topics and keep everyone informed throughout the 4-H year.

Save the Dates

Other upcoming training dates include: April 18, 2017 and one date in July which has yet to be determined when a State Fair preparation event will be held. Addresses for SDSU Extension Nearest Regional Center are is:

- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Watertown - 1910 W. Kemp Ave., Watertown, SD 57201

Getting Started: Your 2016-2017 4-H Checklist

We wrap up our first month of the new 4-H year. Many of you may have attended a club meeting, elected officers and discuss club goals. Some may be pondering the opportunities of 4-H. We are excited to assist you with any questions you may have. We want you to have the utmost positive experience in our 4-H program.

Member Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online* at <http://bit.ly/2dcNivg>. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, do not create a new profile. If you do not recall your login information, please contact the 4-H Office.
- ☐ *Update project on 4-H Online* (by May 31st).
- ☐ *Contact the office to ensure you are receiving the county's monthly newsletter* (Grant County Clover Patch).
- ☐ *Check your emails!* That is how the Extension Office communicates with you. If

you do not have email, please communicate with the 4-H Office on how we can provide communication with you.

- ☐ *Print a copy of 4-H Record to work during the 4-H year.* (Suggestion: complete a section at the end of each monthly meeting.)
- ☐ *Ask questions!* We are here to help!

Leader & Volunteer Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online.* Adults complete the adult enrollment process.
- ☐ *4-H Leaders, you have access once you become an active volunteer to view your member records.* Please attempt to try to view your club membership.
- ☐ *Communicate with new families about your first club meeting.*
- ☐ *Submit club financial report by October 31* (from club's treasurer's book).

- ☐ *Club and Project leaders to view position description and sign.* Available at <https://goo.gl/g7iOwS> and please turn in by October 31.

While the 4-H Club provides a wonderful small group learning environment for the positive development of young people, it is not the only way to become a 4-H member. Our 4-H program offers independent membership. Youth's work is self-directed with guidance and support of parents and mentors.

Our county 4-H program has revised the criteria for independent members to allow members to complete a 4-H year and be eligible for awards and scholarships.

Please contact Sara for more information on independent membership guidelines.

Festival of Christmas at the Grant County Courthouse

The annual Grant County Courthouse Festival of Christmas Trees illuminates the foyers with creativity and support for local charities. I know it seems early, but I would like to invite your organization to participate in this year's 25th Annual Grant County Courthouse Festival of Christmas Trees.

Businesses and community organizations need to sign up for a tree spot by calling the Grant County Extension Office (432-9221) by Tuesday, November 22.

The trees must be placed between dates Monday, November 28 through Thursday, December 1, during regular courthouse hours. Trees must be taken down by Monday, January 6.

Trees need to be artificial, without lights and decorated in a theme of the organizations' choice. The trees will be judged by community volunteers on the following criteria: captures attention, neatly decorated and colors unified, decorations carry out a theme, degree of creativity, show holiday

community spirit, has a sign with organization's name and theme stated, appealing to viewers and follow event guidelines.

The 4-H Leaders are encouraging all clubs to participate by collecting Head to Toe items (hats, scarfs, mittens, snow pants and boots) to be donated to Inter-Lakes Community Action.

Hope your group will consider the project to help open the holiday season!

Share artwork for 4-H Calendar—November 1

Calling all aspiring 4-H artists! If you enjoy drawing, painting, taking photos or creating sculptures, submit a photo of your art work. You could be selected to be featured in an upcoming 4-H calendar.

All forms of media are eligible, but can only accept photos of the

artwork not the artwork itself.

Deadline to submit entries is November 1, 2016. To complete your submission, visit <http://4-h.org/4-h-calendar/>.



4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2016. There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett, Bob Marshall or North Central. There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend TLC or Performing Arts. Here is how the scholarship program works.

- Step 1 – Register for the 2016 camp and pay the full camp

fees.

- Step 2 – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- Step 3 – Tell a group about camp. For the \$25 4-H Camp scholarship, tell one group. For the \$50 TLC or Performing Arts Camp scholarship tell two groups.
- Step 4 – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all

signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt.

You will find the form on our website at <http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleader/s/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance.pdf>. Applications are due by **December 31, 2016.**

2016 Recognition Event—November 6th

This year's Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 PM and the recognition program will begin at 1:30 PM in the Milbank High School Cafeteria. This is a great way to come together as a 4-H family and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth over the year!

During this event, members are awarded for their year successes. There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H

member: participation, achievement and project awards. Members that have met the requirements can earn their 1st, 5th, and 10 year membership pins.

Also awarded are achievement pins, project medals, project achievements, Achievement Day livestock awards, showmanship awards, club Herdsmanship awards, Cloverbud and static awards, and much more!

Club Work Schedule for Recognition Event:

Set Up & Decorating:

Young Farmers, Young Explorers, & Northern Lights

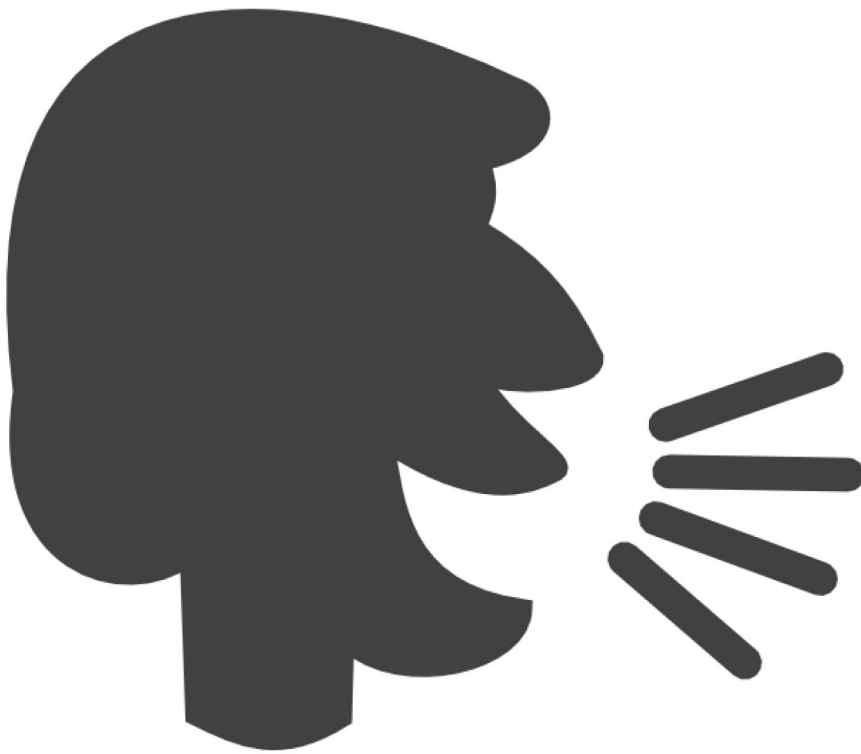
Serving:

Shooting Stars & Junior Busy Bees

Clean up:

Saddle Pals, Madison Jr Livestock, & Kountry Kids

“Sometimes you don’t realize your own strength until you come face to face with your greatest weakness.” -Susan Gale



YOUTH Town Hall Meeting

Monday, November 14 • 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. • Grant Courthouse Community Room



Youth Speak, We Listen! This opportunity for youth to share their thoughts on the 4-H program. The Grant County 4-H Promotion and Expansion Committee members will assist in facilitating discussion.

Town Hall Meeting Topics:

- What programs and projects are important to our county 4-H program?
- How can we best sustain and improve the operations of our 4-H program?
- Where should Grant County 4-H focus their time and energy?

Parents are welcome to observe. Pizza will be provided starting at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the Grant County 4-H Office if you are planning on attending.

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SD 4-H Strategic Futures

South Dakota 4-H is the youth development program for SDSU Extension. Through 4-H's educational mission, we help youth learn by experimental learning while developing live skills. The 4-H program foster youth become responsible citizens who lead healthy and productive lives.

As SDSU Extension delivers on its mission and moves toward

intentional stewardship of the 4-H youth development program; a strategic plan will help achievement these benefits for the organization:

- Maximizing relationships and minimizing conflicts of the various stakeholders involved in the 4-H Program
- Staying focused to maximize 4-H youth development outcomes over the next five

years

- Making best use of the organization's resources
 - Reinforcing decisions that are made using the lens of the Strategic Futures Report
- Helping the organization be sustainable to be able to positively impact the lives of young people

For the complete strategic plan, click [here](#).

Junior Leader Meeting

We had a great kickoff meeting on Friday, October 28! Congratulations to our officer team, Kendra Schweer, Isaac Sousa, Kylee Mogen and William Karels. Our next scheduled meeting is Friday, December 30. All youth ages 12 and older are welcome to join us!

Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow (www.igrow.org), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website (www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension)
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

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